Seting up a Spinning Mill in Meghalaya

2480. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cotton is produced in Garo Hills in Meghalaya;

(b) whether there is any plan to establish any spinning mill to utilise raw cotton of the area and help peasants of the region thereby; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider to set up one in future?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government does not directly set up any textile unit as investments are purely subject to economic considerations and viability of such units. However, eligible units can avail themselves the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme when the same becomes operational.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1996-97) of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 2503/99]

I. Report and Accounts (1996—98) of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Calcutta and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Jute Manufactures Development Council, Calcutta and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-2606/ 99]

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library See No. LT. 2721/ 99]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Jute Manufactures Development Council, Calcutta for the year 1997-98, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working on the above Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above

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Notifications of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY

AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): Sir, on behalf of Shri Dilip Ray, to lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs notification G.S.R. 133(E), dated February 23, 1999 publishing the Leaders of Opposition in Parliament (Advance for Motor-Car) Amendment Rules, 1999, under sub-section (3) of Section 10 of the Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Oppositions in Parliament Act, 1977.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs notification G.S.R. 132(E), dated February 23, 1999 publishing the Officers of Parliament (Advance for Motor-Car) Amendment Rules, 1999, under sub-section (2) of Section 11 of the Salaries and Allowances of Officers of Parliament Act, 1953.

[Placed in Library. For I and II See no. Lt. 2458/99]

Notification of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): Sir I lay on the Table, under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962 a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Finance along with explanatory memoranda:—

(i) G.S.R. 742/(E), dated December 16, 1998 publishing the notification No. 104/98-Customs dated 16.12.98 regarding amendment to the notification no. 34/97Customs dated 7.4.97 to extend the operation of D.E.P.B. Scheme to the Inland Containers Depots at Salem, Tirupur, Singanalur, Waluj and Malanpur.

(ii) G.S.R. 79(E), dated February 9, 1999 publishing the Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback (Amendment) Rules, 1999.

[Placed in Library for (i) and (ii) See No. LT2713/99]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL (Gujarat): Sir, I present the Hundred and Twelfth (Interim) Report (in Engllish and Hindi) of the Committee on Petitions on the petition pertaining to the conditions of the handicapped persons in the country.

Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the House that the Act relating to persons with disabilities has not been implemented, and it is a very serious thing. I request the Members of the House and the Government to look into it, and to take keen interest in implementing the same. Thank you, Sir.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SHRI R. K. KUMAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Fourteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1998.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS

श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय (मध्य प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं पेट्रोलियम और रसायन संबंधी स्थायी समिति के निम्नलिखित प्रतिवेदनों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूं:—

(i) पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय से संबंधित अनुदान मांगों (1998-99) के संबंध में पेट्रोलियम और रसायन संबंधी स्थायी समिति के चौथे प्रतिवेदन (बारहवीं लोक सभा) में अंतर्विष्ट सिफारिशों पर सरकार द्वारा की गई कार्यवाही के संबंध में 7वां प्रतिवेदन।

(ii) रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय, विभाग से संबंधित अनुदान मांगों (1998-99) के संबंध में पेट्रोलियम और रसायन संबंधी स्थायी समिति के छठे प्रतिवेदन (बारहवीं लोक सभा) में अंतर्विष्ट सिफारिशों पर सरकार द्वारा की गई कार्यवाही के संबंध में 9वां प्रतिवेदन।